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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 22nd/February, through Sunday, 1st/March there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TI9, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3G0, JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND (Update)

Members of the Provins ARC (F6KOP) continue to be active from **Robinson Crusoë Island (SA-005**, aka Juan Fernandez Archipelago) as 3G0ZC until March 4th. QSL via F1ULQ, direct or by the Bureau. Also QSL via LoTW and ClubLog's OQRS (direct/Bureau). The 3G0ZC Web site is at:

http://www.juanfernandez2015.com

A FaceBook page is available at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/JuanFernandez2015/747628888649765

3W, VIETNAM

Jacek, SP5APW, will be active as 3W2JK from **Con Son Island (AS-130)** between March 11-17th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For updates, watch:

http://as-130.blogspot.com

5J0, ANDRES ISLAND

Joseph, LU1FM, will be active as 5J0B from **San Andres Island (NA-033)** between March 21st and April 4th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Also look for him to partic- ipate the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th). Equipment will be an IC-7100 with an ALS MRX 500 amp into a Hexbeam (20-6m) and dipoles for 160/80/40m. QSL via his home callsign.

5T: MAURITANIA

Jean, 5T0JL (F3JL/ON8RA), will use the special callsign 5T2MM between April 17-20th. Look for activity in the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest (April 18-19th). QSL via PY4KL. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.qrz.com/db/5T2MM

5X, UGANDA

Eric, SM1TDE, is once again active as 5X8EW from Entebbe. He showed up on the air on February 24th and will be active until March 3rd. Activity has been on 15 meters CW, but he will also be on 40/30/20/17/15 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign.

5X, UGANDA

Alan, G3XAQ, will once again be active as 5X1XA from Kampala between March 11-18th. Activity is usually on 80-10 meters CW only, but his primary focus will be on the SARL Africa DX Contest (March 14-15th). QSL via G3SWH, LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS

Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

8Q, MALDIVES

Nobby, G0VJG, will once again be active as 8Q7CQ between June 5-18th. His last activity was limited because Nobby was on his honeymoon with his wife Maxine. Operations this time will

be on the **Island of Meedhupparoo (AS-013)**. Activity will be on the HF band but with a serious effort on 6 meters. Modes will be SSB with some PSK31. His equipment will be a FT-897 with a 400 watt amp into a small 6m beam, DK9SQ vertical loop for the HF bands and possibly a 3 element tribander. QSL via Owen, G4DFI, direct or by the Bureau. Visit Nobby's Web page at:

http://g0vjg.piczo.com/?cr=5

9Q, DEM. REP. OF CONGO (Update to OPDX.1193/1200)

The "Radioamateur Association of the Democratic Republic of Congo" (ARAC) has invited the "Italian DXpedition Team" (IDT) for a short stay in Kinshasa during March. The IDT will be active as 9Q0AR between March 10-25th. QSL via I2YSB only direct. A OQRS is available via their Web page. As usual, the official Web site is:

http://www.i2ysb.com/idt

A dedicated 9Q0HQ Survey form has been added to the Web page. The results will be used in the planning of activity on the various bands. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Updated suggested fre- quencies are:

CW - 1826, 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24893 and 28030 kHz
SSB - 3780, 7103, 14270, 18155, 21310, 24975 and 28420 kHz
RTTY - 21087 kHz
6m - 50102/CW and 50123/SSB

For info, questions or skeds on the 6m band, please contact ONLY the pilot station Sergio, IK0FTA. For info, questions or problems with the DXpedition LOG, please contact ONLY the pilot station Arturo, IK7JWY. For E-mail messages to the pilot stations see **QRZ.com**. **Please DO NOT SEND** E-mail messages about the DXpedition to the Team. They will NOT answer. For updates about the DXpedition please visit the official forum:

http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/showthread.php?t=25856

If a suitable internet connection is available, the ONLINE REAL-TIME LOG will be at:

http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline/default.asp?ID_dxpedition=38

A3, TONGA

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as A35JR from the Likualofa Beach Resort Kanokupolu on **Tongatapu Island (OC-049)** betwee March 12-16th. Activity will be on 30/17/15/12/10 meters using CW and SSB, if possible 20m CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For updates, watch his home page at:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

BP0, TAIWAN

Members of the Amateur Radio Taipei (ART) will be active from BU2AQ's QTH as BP0P during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are: Tang/BM2AAV, Eddie/BV2DD, YaoJun/BV5OO, Lee/BX2AB and Jie/BX3ABH. QSL via BP0P. QSL also OK via ART QSL Service.

C6, BAHAMAS

Operators Tom/N1GN, William/NE1B, Paul/K1VK and Ken/AG2K will be active as C6ANM from **Nassau (NA-001**, FL15) during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via LoTW.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST)

Remember to change your clocks next weekend. Countries in the Northern Hemisphere (most of N. American and some of the Caribbean) who observe Daylight Saving Time, should change their clocks on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 AM, and should move their "local clocks" forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local time. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 AM. European countries will switch to DST on March 29th. For the history and details about DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time

http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2015.html

ADDED NOTES: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

E3, ERITREA

If you missed OPDX Special Bulletin **#OPDX.1103.1**, the SEISA/ Foundation for Global Children announced that their next activity, the "Eritrea Project 2015", will conduct an amateur radio DXpedition from Asmara, Eritrea, between March 6-17th. This is a multi-national team of nine operators, consisting of: Zorro/JH1AJT (Team Leader), Paul/N6PSE (Co-Leader), Franz/DJ9ZB, Jay/JA1TRC, Yuki/JH1NBN, Kazu/JH1OGX, Thomas/NQ7R, David/WD5COV and Dmitri/RA9USU.

This DXpedition has taken many months of careful planning and negotiations. The DXpedition's callsign will be assigned to them upon their arrival in the capital of Asmara. They will use four transceivers consisting of two Elecraft K3 radios with the KPA500 amplifiers and two Kenwood TS590 transceivers with the ACOM 1010 amplifiers.

They will use beam antennas for the high bands (10-20 meters) and four verticals for the low bands (30-160 meters). They will try to work every area as much as possible. QSL Manager is Tim, M0URX. To see the complete press release, go to:

http://papays.com/opdx1203.1.html

E6, NIUE

Members and operators of the UK group "6-G", most of whom formed the TX6G (Austral) expedition in 2014, will be active from Niue for two weeks in the second half of September 2015. The team will be comprised of Don/G3BJ, Chris/G3SVL, Nigel/G3TXF, David/G3WGN, Mike/G3WPH, Hilary/G4JKS and Justin/G4TSH. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

FT4TA STORY AND BOOK

Dear friends,
Our emissions from Tromelin stopped a few months ago. Since, we have been very busy by

many subjects. You undoubtedly read the news of our QSL cards (in progress), our equipment boxes are on the way back, we have been able to debrief on several occasions with the TAAF.

We are happy to show you today the complete report of our expedition.

For each operation, stories are very often quite similar. It is difficult in a few lines not to be limited to the banalities of the antenna setup, the conditions of propagation, and some statistics. We choose to write a report which would tell in details all that one would like to know in connection with such adventure: the « behind the scenes" of FT4TA !

In these days with of DQRM, anonymous and nasty comments, it does not exist a better answer than explaining, and try to sensitize, show the work done for a so ambitious project.

For the others, a large majority, organizers of expeditions themselves, those who would like to start a project, or DX lovers, let us hope that our story will make you dream.

Please follow the link bellow to consult the online book of FT4TA:

French version: http://blur.by/1KGFCIT
English version http://blur.by/1LziqfS

It is also possible to order the printed version. This communication will probably be one of the last for this project. Thanks again for your support and see you soon for new adventures.....
FT4TA TEAM

HR2, HONDURAS

Operator Dan, HR2DMR, will be active as HR2WW during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KD4POJ.

IOTA NEWS

AF-072. Paolo, C91PM, is now active as C91PM/p from **Bazaruto Island** until March 3rd. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW or eQSL.

AS-118. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will once again be active as 9K2F from **Failaka Island** between March 11-16th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via 9K2HN, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLogs OQRS.

EU-038. Marcel, PD5MVH, will be active as PD38EU from **Ameland Island** between now and March 14th. Activity will include the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th). QSL via PD5MVH, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-081. Emil, DL8JJ, will be active as F/DL8JJ/P from **Saint Marcouf Island** between June 5-11th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LZ1JZ. For more details and updates, visit:

http://www.dl8jj.darc.de

NA-079. Mike, WA0SPG, who will be on his first DXpedition, will be active as WA0SPG/4 from the **Dry Tortugas** between May 4-6th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. Equipment will be a KX3 and a FT-817 into a buddipole vertical dipole near saltwater,

Alpha vertical and Loop antenna. Mike will also be on the satellite using 2x FT-817's for SO-50 and FO-29 (CW/SSB) with both arrow and elk antennas. All power will be by Goal Zero batteries being charged by Solar PV panels. QSL via his home callsign.

NA-079. Arturo, KG4DRP, will be active from the **Dry Tortugas** (EL84np) between May 9-10th. Activity will be on QRP with a FT-817ND on 20 meters SSB. QSL via address on **QRZ.com**. **NA-212**. Dan, HR2DMR, is expected to be active from **Farallones de Cosiguina** sometime during mid/late July (possibly between 23-28th) and also to include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Activity depends on the Honduran and Nicaraguan Navy officers. He is requesting a special H7 prefix or use the YN9W callsign. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

OC-252. Imam, YB4IR, will be active as YB4IR/7 from **Temajo Island** between March 14-18th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. Antennas will be a Tribander for the High Bands and a Vertical for Low Bands. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For March)

The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of March 2015:

> **GX4BJC/A** - Operated from Cleethorpes, in Lincolnshire by Dave, M0KWK. (/A WAB Square TA20 England, IOTA **EU-005**, WLOTA 1841).
>
> **MS1SWL/A** - Operated from Walton-on-the-Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU. (ISWL Council Member & QSL Bureau Manager) (/A WAB Square - England, IOTA **EU-005** and WLOTA 1841). Herbie will also operate as MX1SWL/P during the month and will give his WAB square if requested.

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on

www.iswl.org.uk or QRZ.com or via www.eQSL.cc

NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see www.iswl.org.uk for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

J8, ST. VINCENT

Brian, GW4DVB, will be active as J88PI from **Palm Island** (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA **NA-025**), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between April 13-22nd. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters SSB only using an Elecraft KX3 and KXPA100 Power Amp (100w) into a 10m vertical antenna and a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole. QSL via GW4DVB, by the Bureau or direct to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:

http://www.g4dvb.co.uk

ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

K1N SATELLITE QSOS

A special K1N Satellite QSL will be made for their satellite contacts/QSOs. To order one, go to ClubLog and process a QSL under K1N/SAT log. They are only charging 1 USD for these QSLs, but an additional contributions can be made if you wish. You will need to change the callsign in your log "temporarily" to K1N/SAT in order for this to work:

https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/K1N/SAT

Cards ordered in this way cannot be combined with your regular K1N QSL. Regular K1N QSLs (OQRS) is found at:

https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/K1N

Or, you can send in the old fashioned way (SNAIL Mail), but they suggest including a special separate card clearly marked as SATELLITE QSO (it can be in the same envelope as your regular K1N QSL), if you use the direct mail method with an SASE.

ADDED NOTES: There is a new picture of the satellite operators at:

http://69.89.25.185/~trexsoft/t-rexsoftware.com/k1n/photos-qrv.htm

Also, there is an interesting interview with Glenn, W0GJ, on the Mediter- raneo DX Club's Web page at:

http://www.mdxc.org/k1n-interview-for-mdxc-by-w0gj

KH6, HAWAII

Fred, NA2U, will operate from the Volcano on the Big Island **[Hawai'i Island - OC-019**] between March 4-8th. Activity prior to and following the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th), he will operate as KH6/NA2U. During the ARRL International DX SSB Contest Fred will operate as KH7M. QSLs for KH6/NA2U are via LoTW, or direct with SASE and IRC or greenstamps. All other cards via Bureau.

KH6, HAWAII

Jon, N0JK, will be active as KH6/N0JK from Wailea, **Maui (OC-019)**, between March 1-18th. Activity will be holiday style on 10 meters and 6 meters using CW and SSB. This will include a Single-Op/ Single-Band (10m) entry in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Philippe, LX2A, will be active as LX7I during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX2A. Visit the following Web page at:

http://www.lx2a.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PW0F TEAM (Sunday, March 1st)

Just before going to print, Martti, OH2BH, sent the following [edited]:

> "Hello from Miami Airport enroute to Cayman Islands with lost luggage... Yes the PW0F team left Recife, Brazil, on Saturday but luggage did not. The Amateur Radio equipment always generates many security concerns but among the critical items went all pink underwear of the much anticipated science element of the effort. Highly interesting results have surfaced for those who plan to take on a

radio trip. With some 12,000 PW0F QSOs on selected bands those 160M QSOs were hard with rain and noise at PW0F location right in the middle of village. OQRS is opened on Sunday for those for PW0F QSLs. ZF2BH will hit airwaves later on this week."

MJ, JERSEY

Kazu, JK3GAD, will be active as MJ0CFW from **Jersey (EU-013)** between March 20-23rd. Look for activity in the Russian DX Contest (March 21-22nd). In the contest he will sign MJ5Z. QSL via LoTW or M0CFW.

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE (Grant for South Sandwich & South Georgia) [edited]

The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce a major grant of $50,000 to the Intrepid-DX Group for their plans to activate TWO Top Ten DXCC entities during January & February of 2016. At that time, South Sandwich Island will be #3 and South Georgia will be #7 on The Most Wanted List.

These destinations are very remote and costly to reach. The Braveheart has been chartered for the voyage. Fourteen team members will contribute half of the $425,000 projected budget. The team plans to be on each island for ten days with eight full days on the air.

Without grants of this type, many of the most wanted entities would not be possible to activate.

Individual contributions to NCDXF have enabled us to make this grant possible. Contributions to NCDXF are tax-deductible, to the extent of U.S. law. See **www.ndxdf.org** for details.
Glenn Johnson, W0GJ -- NCDXF, vice president

P4, ARUBA

Operators Ed/N4OC, Bob/AA6VB, Andy/AE6Y and Scott/K0DQ will be active as P49Y from the P40L-P49Y station at Pos Chiquito, **Aruba (SA-036)**, during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via AE6Y or LoTW.

PR70, BRAZIL (Special Event)

Operators Rony/PS7AB and Leo/PP1CZ will activate special event station PR70FEB between March 1-30th. Activity is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of World War II and to remember the importance of PEACE. The special callsign is also in honor to all who participated in the war, especially the Brazilian Expeditionary Force - FEB, on the battlefields in Italy.

Operations will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using SSB (Op PS7AB) and CW/Digital (Op PP1CZ). QSL via PS7AB, direct (1 USD), by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

A special certificate will be sent in 2016 via E-mail to stations who made contacts with at least 10 Special Event Stations by mode (SSB, CW or digital), or mixed (3 modes). Each month in 2015, Ronaldo will activate a different callsign and also send 12 different QSLs. PR70FEB is

the third special event station to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015. For more details, see:

http://qrz.com/db/pr70feb

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 2-8th)

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Mar/02nd HN      Mar/05th  AN      Mar/07th  AN
Mar/03rd AN      Mar/06th  AN      Mar/08th  AN
Mar/04th HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
-----------------         ------       --------    ------
AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (March 1st)
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5H1OC via IK6CAC          EG7DAM via EA7URM         PA6NH via PH9HB
5T0JL via ON8RA           G50FRS via G0YYY          PR5P via PT2OP
7Q7GIA via LA7GIA (L)     HI3/DL4NAC via DL4NAC     VI110ROTARY via VK4ZD
9A2L via 9A3AG            J64SLI via WB5Q           VK9LC via OH2YY
BV0TW via BU2BF           JW/DL2JRM via DL2JRM      VP5/K0PC via K0PC
D44TBR via SM7RYR         LY97O via LY8O            ZD8D via DL9HO
DM100CTK via DF1XC        P4/W1VE via W1VE (d)
EA6/DF3MC via DF3MC       PA15C via PH7Y
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only
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K1N QSL QUESTIONS. "The Daily DX" reports per N2OO, "If anyone has any questions about their QSOs, QSLs, OQRS, LoTW about K1N, the recent Navassa Island DXpedition they should be sent to **k1nqsl@yahoo.com** and they will be answered."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4S7VG, 7M4CLF, C5YK, CT1ETE, DH7SA, DK4FP, DL2MSA, EA1EYG, EA8DO, ES0/OH7KA, F3EPR, HA3AUI, JA1WWO, JA3FYC,

JA7QVI, JH1RGG, K1N, LA9K, PU2KNM, R3PW, RW0LT, SA5CDO, SP7FKQ, T77C, UW2ZM, VE3WEJ, VU4KV and YU2A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: CE8RNK, HI2DX, HV0A, KH6SAT, VK9DLX, VK9LM, VP2MDX and VU4KV

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: BA8BA, BD3MV, BD4TH, BD8ASG, BD9ALM, BG4ACE, BG7JD, BG8AM, BH3OTC, BH4ACQ, BY4RWT, T88HZ, TA1PB, TA7EB, TC2C, TC10SWAT, TC57A, VA2EU, VA2KZ, VA2QR, VC2O and YM7KX

TI, COSTA RICA

Operators Kamal/N3KS, Chris/KL9A, Mark/M0DXR and Nathan/ N4YDU will be active as TI5W from Alajuela during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3YIM direct. The operators will be signing TI5/homecalls before and after the contest.

TO5, FRENCH GUIANA (Special Event)

Kris, F4GHW, will be active as TO5BR between March 10-23rd. Activity is to celebrate "Carnival French Guiana 2015" and operations will be on the HF bands. QSL via F4HGW, direct or by the Bureau.

USI ONE-DAY GETWAY

Jay Chamberlain, NS4J, USI Webmaster and Awards Chairman, reports [edited], "US Islands announces a new operating activity (not a contest) on May 9th, 2015. ARRL press release:

http://www.usislands.org/USI-1DG-PressRelease.pdf

List of pending operating stations including IOTA numbers are available at **http://www.usislands.org**."

V6, MIRCONESIA

Kiichi, JF1LUT, will be active as V63KI from Kolonia, **Pohnpei (OC-010)**, between March 20-25th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using SSB only. QSL only direct to QSL Manager to: A4maniax, c/o Sankei Kousinsya Co,.Ltd., 6-20-6, Hirai, Edogawa-ku, Tokyo, 132-0035 JAPAN. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

Rich, KY6R, posted the following on March 1st [edited]: "VK0EK Needs Your Support! -- Please visit

http://www.heardisland.org/HD_pages/HD_donations.html

and Donate today. Thanks so much." In recent days/weeks, the following have donated funds: European DX Foundation (EUDXF) and Willamette Valley DX Club

VP2M, MONTSERRAT

Charlie, K1XX, will once again be active a VP2MLL during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power entry. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via N4OX.

VP8/G & VP8/SS, SOUTH GEORIGA and SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS (Press Release

An update from the Intrepid-DX Group VP8 DXpedition Team). The Intrepid-DX Group is very pleased to receive a major grant of $50,000 from the Northern California DX Foundation to support our plans to activate South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands in January/February 2016. At the time of these activations, they will be the #3 and #7 most wanted entities.

It is only through the generosity of amateur organizations such as the NCDXF that we can make this Dxpedition possible. This grant by the NCDXF gives us the foundation with which we can solidify our plans and move forward with successful activations of these rare islands.

Our destination is very remote and costly to reach. Our Braveheart charter is $310,000. Our fourteen team members will contribute $210,000 towards our goal of $425,000. We are very appreciative of all of those Clubs, Associations and individuals that have supported us thus far and we welcome and appreciate each and every donation that helps us move forward with our plans.

Our objective is to be on each island for ten days with eight full days QRV. We ask each DX Club or Association to please consider supporting our efforts to make this an effective, enjoyable and safe Dxpedition for everyone!

You can view our website at **http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8** Thank you,
The Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team.

VP9, BERMUDA

Kurt, W6PH, will once again be active as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op/All- Band/Low-Power entry. QSL direct to his home callsign W6PH.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLAND

Bob, N7XR, will once again be active as VQ9XR from **Diego Garcia Island (AF-006)** between March 19-27th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 160m) using CW, SSB, and RTTY. NO 6 meters (no antenna). He will also be on 60 meters CW due to the newly modified license which now allows operations on that band (5403.5 & 5405.0 kHz). QSL via ClubLog or direct via his home callsign (NO IRCs). NO Bureau QSLs, eQSL or LoTW. All ClubLog requests for BUREAU cards will not be processed. He mentions, "No internet access is available in the area I operate from. I check emails once in the evening IF I can gain access. Most of the time it's extremely slow."

WEB PAGE OF INTEREST

Jari/OH2BU and Bernd/DF3CB, have compiled and posted a "Mega DXpeditions Honor Roll" listing which is hosted on the German DX Foundation (GDXF) Web page at:
http://gdxf.de/megadxpeditions

There are currently 230 DXpeditions with more than 30,000 QSOs in the Honor Roll from 136 different DXCC Entities and 31 of the 40 CQ Zones. The complete list of DXpeditions (containing some 40 DXpeditions, in the late 1990s) is sorted by the number of achieved QSOs - and by year of activity, by Prefix, by DXCC Entities, by Continent, by Single-Operator

DXpeditions and much more..... The World Records page shows the leading DXpeditions in the categories of the highest number of total QSOs, QSOs per mode and band and per continent. Give it a look see, and they feel you will enjoy this Web page.

WRTC2014 (Documentary Video)

The WRTC2014 Organizing Committee reports, "The official documentary video for WRTC2014 is now available on the Web! The video was produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC, and runs approximately 59 minutes. James took advantage of nine roving video teams to capture high definition footage of action at headquarters and out in the field, artfully telling the WRTC2014 story using the participants' own words. View the video at:

https://vimeo.com/119947598

Funding for video production was provided by a generous grant from the Northern California DX Foundation.

The video is being distributed from the Web at no charge. We plan to make a downloadable version available in the near future to help facili- tate use at club meetings."

XV, VIETNAM

Just a reminder that Toshi, JA8BMK, will be ending his Asian tour by being active as XV7BM from Nha Trang Resort during the whole month of March. Activity will be focused mainly on the lower bands (160-80m) with better receive antennas. QSL via JA8BMK, direct or by the Bureau.

YJ, VANUATU

Masa, JA0RQV, will be active as YJ0MT from Port Vila (the capital city) on **Efate Island (OC-035)**, between April 21st and May 5th. Activity will be limited to spare time (see below) and will be on 40-10 meters, and mainly SSB with some CW. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (w/SASE & 2 USDs) to: Masato Tamura, 2086-13 Daitakubo, Minami-ku, Saitama-Shi 336-0015 JAPAN. QSOs will bw uploaded later to LoTW. For more details and updates, see his Blog page at:

http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv

ADDED NOTE (from Masa) [edited]: Operations will be limited during the night time hours as it is business trip. I will try to be serious on the weekend. QTH will be large hotel in downtown facing only for EU and AS. Antenna should be managed within the small private balcony. VY SRI for NA and SA..

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